

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
October 9, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:30 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Bob Szoke, Impact Christian Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** Mr. Minchuk was absent. All other members were present.

**PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REMONSTRATIONS:**

Mr. Hardaway said he received a letter from Mr. Pepper who is the National Director of Global Government Relations with Walgreens stating that he wanted to share exciting news about one of their employees working in our community who is celebrating 40 years with Walgreens. Juanita Jimenez who is currently working as a photo specialist at the store located at 400 West Lincoln Highway. Mr. Hardaway said the Town of Merrillville Town Council would like to thank you for your 40 years of service.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Approval of the Accounts Payable Register Voucher dated October 9, 2018. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2018. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Spann. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**BUDGET & FINANCE:**

Mr. Pettit mentioned Town Budget for 2019 to be discussed later in the agenda.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Mr. Minchuk had no report.

**COUNCIL AFFAIRS:**

Ms. LaMarca had no report.

**PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:**

Mrs. Barron had no report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Mrs. Uzelac had no report.

**PARKS & RECREATION:**

Ms. LaMarca had no report. Mrs. Uzelac commented on the great work that Ms. Olrich has done to the new park on Whitcomb.

**ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:**

Mr. Barron had no report. Mr. Lake presented the Governor's Award received from the Indiana Pollution Prevention Conference. Mr. Hardaway thanked Stormwater and Mr. Lake for all their hard work.

**ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

Mrs. Uzelac mentioned that she was invited by People's Bank for a "round the table talks" it involved the progress being made in Merrillville such as; new business, road projects, new construction and possibly a Boy's and Girl's Club. Mrs. Uzelac said People's Bank has two locations one on Taft Street and one on Broadway they are doing a good job in Merrillville and are interested in keeping Merrillville up.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

Mr. Pettit had no report.

**UTILITY LIAISON:**

Mr. Spann had no report.

**ABANDONED PROPERTIES:**

Mr. Pettit made a motion to accept the Bid Proposal for real state located on 122 West 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mrs. Barron seconded the motion. Some discussion followed. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**GENERAL ORDERS:**

**FIRST READING ORDINANCES:**

None

**SECOND READING ORDINANCES:**

**Ord. 18-20:**

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, appropriating additional monies within 2018 Local Road and Street Fund of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, for the year 2018 not included in the current budget. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

**Ord. 18-21:**

Be it Ordained/resolved by the **Town of Merrillville** that for the expenses of **MERRILLVILLE CIVIL TOWN** for the year ending December 31, **2019** the sums herein specified are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition, for the purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of the **MERRILLVILLE CIVIL TOWN**, the property tax levies and property tax rates as herein specified are included herein. Budget Form 4-B for all funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance. This ordinance/resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the **Town of Merrillville**. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Spann. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

**Ord. 18-23:**

An Ordinance reclassifying certain lands in the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, for zoning purposes, and amending the zoning ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, and all amendments passed subsequent thereto. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote with 1 abstention.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Res. 18-24:**

A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana transferring monies of the 2018 budget within certain categories. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Res. 18-25:**

A Resolution supporting the United Steel Workers of America, and all matters related thereto. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mrs. Barron and Mrs. Uzelac. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**BZA ACTIONS:**

<b>Petitioner:</b>	Dwayne Williams
<b>Owner:</b>	Jim York
<b>Request:</b>	Variance of use approval
<b>Purpose:</b>	To allow a taproom for existing brewery
<b>Location:</b>	8618-8622 Louisiana Place
<b>Zoning:</b>	M-1, Limited Industrial
<b>Case #:</b>	Z32uV9-0918
<b>Conditions:</b>	Hours of operations 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday for this petitioner only, at this location only, for this use only.

Mr. Laird provided the Staff Report for the request. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was some discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

All public comment is recorded on an audio file and kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office at Town Hall.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Plan Commission meeting, October 16, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.  
Environmental Resource committee meeting October 18, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.  
Town Council workshop meeting October 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.  
Redevelopment Commission meeting, October 23, 2018 at 6:15 p.m.  
Town Council meeting, December 26, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mrs. Barron made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Spann.

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**Richard Hardaway, President**

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**Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer**